

Medway April 19, 1893

Rev Samuel May

My dear Sir

I am glad to hear again from you but regret your winter's experience with the severe cold. Having made digestion the stimulus of winter weather has been ^{to me} as usual favorable to appetite and digestion as well; I have written and read more than usual the past winter - going ^{out} every day. To Church twice and teaching a class in Sunday School as well - I have written (several) articles in Dorchester Transcript weekly, of more than column length upon the early history & progress of the Liberty Party in Suffolk Co. with much "personal" including John Quincy Adams' attitude from a personal interview

Much of it is too local for (Danvers).

So I have prepared a letter or talk of a more general character which I shall send or take with me if I go.

I have lost teeth in such a way as affects my speech and a little nervous withal so I have doubts about the

attempt to read what I have prepared — At Son. Dr. Furber, Superintendent of the Boston Scurvitic

Hospital or one of his boys may take my place in reading.

My early personal experiences in the "Great Conflict" as Whittier calls it are quite fresh in my mind because I was so much of an actor & to relate them would seem too much like one claiming or appearing to be the hero of his own story.

I will indicate some of them to you beginning with 1831, July - at a public graduation of Medway Classical Institution - while preparing for

college. I read a Poem (so called) in which
Slavery was handled without gloves —
Then in Amherst College ^{in 1833} I used my own
Material in College Disputation —
and Slavery and its friends faced hard
Learning College for health, returned home
at Franklin. Anti-Slavery Society was
formed; found in April /34 ^{was} appointed a Delegation
to the 1st American A. S. Soc. meeting
May 5 & 6 in New York — on my way in
my own carriage — stopped at Brooklyn
with S. J. May — just missed Mr. Garrison
and his Bride who had just left for the Benton.
Went to Providence Grand St. School.
addressed the Col^d Girls — & on to N. Y. — at
the meeting — my age 23 years, took
minutes &c — Went on to Phila, to
other meetings — went on through
Delaware & Md. D. C. to Mount Vernon
Va. conversed with many Slaves
all the way — and found some whites
opposed to Slavery — distributed Phelps
& other Anti-Sl. Books and tracts

visited Robt's Slave Pen in Washington D.C.
He — next settled in Waltham was made
Postmaster in anti-slavery fight in 1837.

removed to Medway in 1840 — entered upon
the Liberty Party movement —
Chairman of the County Committee
and worked hard till 1844 — got the party
well organized — In 1845 as a

Member of the Milwary Board of
A.B.C.F.M., prepared petition
on Slavery and a fight was made
for two or three years — many withdrew
and formed the A.M.A. now so

vigorous in its Southern Educational
and Mission work — In 1848 was
one of the Com^{rs} to prepare Platform for a
new Party at Worcester Free Soil Convention

now only one living except Judge B.R. Adams
was Delegate with C. H. Adams to
Buffalo Con^l now Pres of U.P. — Was
often candidate for Rep. & Senator & many
times defeated. but in 1859-60 was Senator
and from 63-1872 nine years Co. Com^r and
three years chairman — Have been
more or less since 1831 writing for local

and some Boston papers on Slavery, Temperance
and other public questions — I am mainly done with
such work — suffer from indigestion & rheumatoid arthritis
I shall be glad to meet you at Worcester — 24 years ago I wrote
as I never write except with a quill — I am living with my wife in Waltham

List of Massachusetts signers to the
Declaration of the National Anti-Slavery
Convention at Philadelphia Dec 6. th 1834. [1833

Daniel S. Southwick

Ervingham L. Capron

Joshua Coffin

Annes A. Phelps Boston

John G. Whittier Amesbury

Horace P. Coates
James George Barbadoes Boston (Colored)

David T. Kimball Jr

Daniel E. Jewett

John Reed Cambell

Nathaniel Southwick

Arnold Buffum

William Lloyd Garrison Boston

Who of the signers are now Dec 17. 1892 living
in the nine States Represented.

In Connecticut - Lincoln Smith Jocelyn

In Pennsylvania

Robert Purvis - Colonel
I think

Maine

?

New Hampshire ?

Vermont

?

New York

?

Ohio -

?

Massachusetts

none? Was Whittier the last?